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A valve comprising a housing having an inlet and space therefrom an outlet, a passageway extending between the inlet and the outlet, and means located in the passageway for controlling the flow of a fluid between the inlet and the outlet, the means including a valve assembly movable between a first open position spaced from a co-operating valve seat and a second closed position at which the valve assembly sealingly engages the valve seat, in which magnetic means is provided for biasing the valve stem assembly towards the second closed position.